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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:

3RD PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEETING, APRIL 4-7, 1977

1. SUMMARY: THIRD SESSION OF IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY THROUGH AGENDA ITEMS. REVISED DRAFT OF SECRETARIAT NOTE ON UN RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BASED ON USG PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED BY PREPARATORY COMMISSION THURSDAY. BY-LAWS ADOPTED INCORPORATING MAJOR US PROPOSALS. LENDING POLICIES PAPER ADOPTED BY PREPARATORY COMMISSION. SECRETARIAT PAPERS ON STAFFING AND PERSONNEL POLICIES TO BE REVISED BY SECRETARIAT FOR NEXT PREPARATORY COMMISSION. INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF SITE INCONCLUSIVE. DEBATE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY. END SUMMARY.

2. EXPLANATORY NOTE ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT WITH UN - PREPARATORY COMMISSION BRIEFLY DISCUSSED SECRETARIAT DRAFT AND REFERRED IT TO WORKING GROUP FOR CONSIDERATION. WORKING GROUP PREPARED REVISED DRAFT BASED ON USG PROPOSAL. PLENARY TO CONSIDER DRAFT THURSDAY.

3. REPORT ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT WITH ITALY INDICATES THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. DRAFT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE READY FOR NEXT PREPARATORY COMMISSION SESSION.

4. DRAFT BY-LAWS WERE BRIEFLY REVIEWED IN PREPARATORY COMMISSION, THEN REFERRED TO WORKING GROUP (CHAIRLED BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE). WORK ON BY-LAWS WAS COMPLETED BY WORKING GROUP TUESDAY. ON RECOMMENDATION OF WORKING GROUP PREPARATORY

COMMISSION ACCEPTED US PROPOSALS TO DELETE PROVISIONS COVERING: (1) LOAN OPERATIONS, (2) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF GOVERNORS, AND (3) DELEGATION TO EXECUTIVE BOARD OF GOVERNING COUNCIL'S POWER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS. PROVISION ON DELEGATION OF POWER TO EXECUTIVE BOARD ALSO MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DELEGATE DECISIONS WHICH REQUIRE MORE THAN SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE IN GOVERNING COUNCIL. DESPITE US OBJECTIONS, PROVISION ADOPTED ENTITLING REPRESENTATIVES TO EXECUTIVE BOARD TO RECEIVE TRAVEL EXPENSES AND PER DIEM.

5. LENDING POLICIES. DRAFT REPORT OF WORKING GROUP ON LENDING POLICIES AND CRITERIA FOR IFAD ADOPTED BY PREPARATORY COMMISSION WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENTS. PREPARATORY COMMISSION DECIDED TO REFER PAPER TO GOVERNING COUNCIL WITH COVERING SUMMARY OF COMMENTS OF PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEMBERS. LARGER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES PROVOKED CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF ALLOCATION BY SEEKING ASSURANCES LATIN AMERICAN REGION WOULD GET FAIR SHARE OF IFAD RESOURCES. MOST PREPARATORY COMMISSION MEMBERS FAVORED ALLOCATION OF LARGEST PORTION OF RESOURCES TO POORER COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, US, KUWAIT, AND OTHERS EMPHASIZED THAT FAIR GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION DOES NOT MEAN EQUAL.

6. REPORT ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. NUMBER OF DELEGATES EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD PROCEEDED SO FAR WITHOUT PREPARATORY COMMISSION'S OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT. CHAIRMAN OFFERED TO MAKE ALL DRAFTS AVAILABLE AT NEXT PREPARATORY COMMISSION INCLUDING ONE CONCLUDED LAST WEEK WITH WORLD BANK REPRESENTATIVES WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT YET REVIEWED BY WORLD BANK/WASHINGTON.

7. ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING. DISCUSSION OF SECRETARIAT PAPER ON IFAD ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING REFLECTED MAJOR DIFFICULTIES WITH SECRETARIAT CONCEPTS AND ASSUMPTIONS. MOST LDC'S STRONGLY SUPPORTED SECRETARIAT APPROACH. MAJOR DONORS (US, KUWAIT, CANADA, FRG, JAPAN AND OTHERS) QUESTIONED SECRETARIAT ASSUMPTIONS IN DOCUMENT, NOTED THAT BUDGET AND STAFFING WERE DEPENDENT ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH IFI'S AND OTHER AGENCIES, INSISTED ON IFAD'S SMALL STAFF AND DIRECTED SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE NEW PAPER FOR NEXT PREPARATORY COMMISSION SETTING OUT STAFF AND BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLY INITIAL PERIOD.

8. PERSONNEL POLICIES. SECRETARIAT PAPER TO BE REVISED TO GIVE GREATER CONSIDERATION TO PRACTICES OF UN COMMON SYSTEM.

9. SITE. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL CATEGORIES TO DATE ON SITE REVEAL CONTINUED IRANIAN DETERMINATION

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